Executive Summary

The **2025 Annual Report of the Edmonds Climate Advisory Board (CAB)** marks a strategic shift in focus from monitoring City-led climate action to strengthening community-based climate resilience.

In its first two years, the CAB emphasized forward planning and accountability, highlighting the need for sustained climate action despite fiscal constraints, and documenting progress on the City's 2023 Climate Action Plan (CAP). By the end of 2025, however, limited movement on CAP implementation led the Board to redirect its efforts toward initiatives it could directly advance within the community.

As a result, 2025 was a year of **action, partnership-building, and capacity development**, with a particular emphasis on emergency preparedness and climate resilience.

Key accomplishments include the launch of **Edmonds Prepares**, a neighborhood-based emergency preparedness program modeled after successful efforts in Bainbridge Island and grounded in Washington state's '*2 Weeks Ready*' framework. The program established partnerships with city departments, South County Fire, and the American Red Cross; produced and distributed preparedness materials city-wide; and began recruiting and training neighborhood leaders to strengthen local resilience.

The CAB also initiated a **Climate Risks and Vulnerabilities Assessment (CRVA)** effort, including a complementary **Tree Mapping Project** to identify and document Edmonds' tree canopy and high-value carbon-storing trees. This work is supported by research from peer jurisdictions, technical guidance from the University of Washington Climate Impacts Group, and targeted grant research to support future implementation.

Regionally, the CAB convened and led the **Intercounty Climate Partnership (ICP)**, bringing together climate leaders from six cities across three counties. Through regional roundtables and expert panels, the ICP focused on climate equity, fiscal sustainability, Climate Action Plan implementation, and climate resilience—strengthening cross-jurisdictional collaboration and shared learning.

Supporting activities in 2025 included the CAB's first successful grant application, expansion of fundraising strategies, the launch and redesign of the CAB website, and continued efforts to grow Board membership.

Looking ahead to 2026, the CAB has identified priorities that include expanding Board capacity, strengthening communications and fundraising, establishing a City Climate

Action Commission, deepening regional partnerships, and advancing a core capital project: the **Edmonds Climate Center for Interactive Education**.

Overall, the 2025 Annual Report reflects the CAB's evolution into a **community-driven climate nonprofit**, focused on resilience, collaboration, and practical action to help Edmonds prepare for current and future climate impacts.

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